

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 551
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend David Lipscomb University baseball Coach Ken Dugan on the occasion of his retirement and to designate April 27, 1996 as "Coach Ken Dugan Day" .

WHEREAS, all good things must unfortunately come to an end, even long-time, legendary baseball coaching careers; and

WHEREAS, it was with much regret, a feeling of pride, and a sense of reflection on the tremendous contribution he has made to the David Lipscomb University baseball program and to the sport in general, that we learned that Ken Dugan, one of the most successful and highly regarded coaches in the glorious history of the sport, will retire after 37 years as a coach; and

WHEREAS, with the Bisons' stellar 1995 record of 31-18, his unequaled overall record at the start of the 1996 season was 1,105-444, an enviable winning percentage of .713; and

WHEREAS, with his expert guidance, David Lipscomb has compiled a rare record of excellence that includes two NAIA National Championships, five Area 5 titles and 15 District 24 championships; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dugan has led the Bisons to 50-win seasons twice and reached the coveted 40-win mark in eight different seasons; and

WHEREAS, he has produced 36 All-Americans and has helped numerous players to go on to play professional baseball, with many of his former players continuing to have a significant impact on the game as they coach at various levels all across the country; and

WHEREAS, he has also successfully lent his considerable ability as coach of several American teams in international competition and has written several very informative books on coaching baseball; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dugan has been appropriately recognized and honored by his selection as a member of the NAIA Coaches Hall of Fame, the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, the David Lipscomb Athletic Hall of Fame and the North Alabama Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, April 27, 1996, is going to be a very special day of recognition for Coach Dugan. He will be joined by many of his former players and his fans, who are united by their deep admiration and affection for him, at a reunion preceding the Belmont-Lipscomb baseball game; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to specially commemorate Coach Ken Dugan and salute his contributions and accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor Coach Ken Dugan, express our strongest appreciation on behalf of all who love “the game” and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we officially designate April 27, 1996, as “Coach Ken Dugan Day” in Tennessee, in recognition of all that he has meant to David Lipscomb University, Tennessee, the nation and to making baseball the American pastime.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Coach Dugan and David Lipscomb University, with this final clause omitted from such copy.